

ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS FACILITATION MEETING

MINUTES

A meeting of the stakeholders who have an interest in Onsite Sewage Systems met on September 10, 2009, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Dr., Richmond, Virginia, with the following parties present:

Rick Blackwell, PE, Virginia Society for Professional Engineers
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
Justin Garofalo, Board Administrator, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board
Stanley Harris, PE, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, Board Member
Allen Knapp, Office of Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
Robert Mayer, PE, American Manufacturing Company, Inc.
E. Brooke Philpy, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board, Board Member
Joel Pinnix, PE, American Council of Engineering Companies/Virginia

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Carol Mitchell, Dispute Resolution Manager
Erin Simon, ADR Coordinator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

The meeting commenced at 9:07 a.m. Ms. Mitchell welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and explained they were meeting again to draft a report to the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology regarding the OSS facilitation. Senator Mamie Locke and Representative Chris Jones requested DPOR and VDH work to resolve issues which prompted the introduction of House Bill 2072 and Senate Bill 1008.

Call to Order

The minutes of the June 22, 2009, facilitation were amended and approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

There were no comments made to the stakeholders.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Mitchell presented a draft letter written by Mr. Courtney to report the OSS facilitation findings to Senator Locke and Representative Jones as requested. The stakeholders agreed that a letter should be sent and held discussion on the wording of the draft letter and changes they felt were needed. The main point of the letter was to report that the stakeholders were unable to come to an agreeable conclusion. Mr. Courtney explained that there may be legislation introduced in the upcoming General Assembly session to address this issue.

**Discussion of
the letter to the
Senate
Committee on
General Laws
and Technology
regarding the
OSS facilitation**

Mr. Courtney agreed to make the discussed changes to the draft and present the final version for approval from the Directors of DPOR and VDH.

Discussion was also held on the OSE licensing and examination program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Adjourn

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary